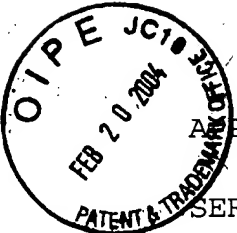


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AMENDMENT

This is a timely reply to an Office Action dated November 20,  
2003 (Paper #10). As the total number of claims has not been  
increased, the number of dependent claims has not been increased,  
and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith.